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The Louisville Journal after exhibiting its attitude in abusing the Administration—after denouncing it as "the representative of a wretched collection of rascals"—after characterizing the gentlemen composing the Cabinet as "members of fierce passions"—after all this and much more of the same sort, the Journal suddenly finds itself greatly in love with one of these "wicked-minded" gentlemen composing the cabinet, Mr. James Guthrie, Secretary of the Treasury.

The Journal caught eagerly at "the Secretary and the public printer's" box, (it has a weakness for boxes), and the reader will find explained in another column. This contemptible slander first appeared in the New York Herald, and the Whig press throughout the country have swallowed it with the voracity of a half starved pike. Whig editors raised their innocent little hands in paroxysms of holy horror, and rolled their little eyes in a perfect frenzy of pious indignation, at the wickedness of the Administration. At last they had found something against it, and what mattered it to them whether it was true or false, it was much better than nothing. The Louisville Journal taking all these ecclesiastical lies for gospel truth, went into ecstasies of delight over what it was pleased to term the "stern integrity" of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The editor went so far as to write a leader on the "stern integrity" of the Secretary of the Treasury, basing its remarks on the Washington correspondence of that lying sheet, the New York Herald. Now we have no objection to the high compliments paid Mr. Guthrie by the editor of the Journal. No one ever doubted the integrity of the Secretary of the Treasury. The Journal is the only paper that has no respectability that ever impugned that integrity. We do not refer as far back as 1839, but to a more recent date.

The editor of the Journal finding himself unable to express all his admiration for Mr. Guthrie in his leader of Thursday, in his paper of yesterday, copies from the New York National Democrat, a paper more bitter if possible against the administration than the New York Herald. The extract which the Journal of yesterday publishes, is the same falsehood that appeared in the Herald, only it is expressed with more profanity.

The editor of the Journal admits it all save the *—as*. Any one with half an eye can see that the motive of the Journal in giving publicity to those vile slanders is not so much for the purpose of complimenting Mr. Guthrie, as for the sake of injuring President Pierce and the Attorney General in the opinion of the public. Now that the whole thing is exposed and shown to be false, will the Journal be ready to do justice to that portion of the Cabinet which the report was calculated to injure, as it was to give publicity to the slanders under cover of complimenting Mr. Guthrie? We shall see.

ANDREW JACKSON.—Mr. Baldwin, in his work upon "Party Leaders," closes his notice of General Jackson by charging him with lacking in *magnanimity*. The Washington Globe, of January 1st, contains an exceedingly temperate charge, but satisfactory response to this charge. We regret that the length of the article prevents us from copying it entire into our columns. The editor of the Globe demonstrates with great clearness that *magnanimity* was the most distinguishing feature in his life. The very incidents cited to fasten on General Jackson a cruel and revengeful character are used by the editor of the Globe to refute the calumny. Every conflict in which he was ever engaged was superinduced by his too great readiness to protect others from oppression; the truth of which is most clearly established by a reference to his personal difficulties. The time has not yet come when the people of the United States are prepared to appreciate the great abilities and lofty virtues which formed the character of Andrew Jackson. Although many of the calumnies, that pursued him while living, were demolished with him, enough of partisan hate and prejudice is yet left to defile his memory. He was the chief of a great party in the fiercest political struggle through which the Republic has ever passed; and animosities engendered in such a strife must exist, until those, in whose bosoms they rankle, have descended into their graves.

THE EDITOR OF THE JOURNAL desires to know what will be the proper time for the President to communicate his views to Congress on Internal Improvements. Until Congress passes another bill the President cannot, of course, communicate his views in the form of a veto message. Whenever it is the opinion of the President that the public interests require that he should recommend some measure of internal improvement, it will be the proper time for him to communicate his opinion as to what improvements are warranted by his views of the constitution and the true policy of the country.

RUTH HALL.—Fanny Fern's new book of the above name, has already raised a great excitement in the East. Some of the gentlemen whom she trotted through—in her history of Ruth—are very severe upon her. The editor of the Boston True Flag is writing a series of articles purporting to give an account of Fanny and her prospects at the time she first commenced writing. The New York Evening Mirror is Fanny's champion in this newspaper warfare. Go it Fanny; we are betting on you.

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